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Lon Kissinger
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Region 10
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Dear Mr. Kissinger,

The Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water (DEC) recently commissioned the *Literature Review of Fish Consumption Rate Research Conducted in the State of Alaska* (2014). This literature review resulted in a (report) that identifies published research conducted by universities, state and federal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and tribes on this topic. This information will be considered during the development of Alaska-specific fish consumption values for use in the development of human health criteria in state water quality standards. The report is part of a multi-year effort that will involve a variety of stakeholder groups and likely to draw significant public attention.

In an effort to ensure that the report accurately depicts available and relevant sources of data associated with fish consumption research, DEC would like to invite you to participate on a peer-review committee. The committee would meet telephonically on three occasions (Introductory meeting, post-document review, and concluding meeting) in addition to independent review of the report. The following table outlines the anticipated time commitment of participants.

Task	Anticipated Time Commitment	Date(s)
Commit/Decline participation on peer-review panel	Minimal	January 15, 2015
Teleconference: Kick Off meeting of panel participants	~One hour	January 20, 2015
Independent Review Period including development and submission of comments to DEC	Six (6) weeks	January 20 to March 2

Teleconference: Specific questions/concerns raised by document	~One hour	March 2
Review of DEC comment summary document	One week	TBD
Teleconference: Response to comments and Summary Meeting	~ One hours	TBD

DEC appreciates your respective expertise and considers your opinion valuable to producing an authoritative and practical document for informing the public on the state of fish consumption rate research that is specific to Alaska.

We would appreciate a response from you by January 15, 2015. Please feel free to contact Brock Tabor at 907.465.5185 or brock.tabor@alaska.gov if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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